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**St. Michael Woman Sentenced for**  
**Theft from Spirit Lake Casino**

**FARGO** - United States Attorney Timothy Q. Purdon announced that on September 28, 2010, **Harriet Demarce** of St. Michael, North Dakota, pleaded guilty and was sentenced before United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Erickson on a charge of theft from an Indian tribal organization.

Demarce, 44, worked at the Spirit Lake Casino as the on-duty hotel manager. As manager, Demarce had access to an over-ride code which she used to cancel out charges she incurred on her personal debit card for hotel and restaurant services at the Spirit Lake Casino. The incidents occurred from July 2009 to January 2010 on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation.

Judge Erickson sentenced Demarce to three years' probation. Demarce was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,560.44, and to pay a \$100 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney Janice M. Morley prosecuted the case.

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